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TAGS: ECON, ECIN, ECEM, EEW, US, UR

SUBJ: PHASE OUT OF OCCIDENTAL'S VENTSPILS PROJECT

REF: LENINGRAD 627

1. WE WERE TOLD MARCH 16 BY PAUL SAWYER, ON-SITE  
PROJECT MANAGER OF OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM COMPANY (OXY)  
AMMONIA AND SUPERPHOSPHATE LOADING, UNLOADING AND STORAGE  
FACILITY AT VENTSPILS, LATVIA, THAT PHASE OUT OF OXY'S  
ON-SITE PERSONNEL IS ALREADY UNDERWAY AS PROJECT NEARS  
COMPLETION. FIVE OXY SPECIALISTS HAVE LEFT IN THE LAST  
WEEK OR SO AND SAWYER HIMSELF EXPECTS TO DEPART APRIL 22.  
HE WILL LEAVE THE FACILITY IN HANDS OF EIGHT OR NINE  
AMERICANS ALL OF WHOM ARE SPECIALISTS ON THE OPERATIONAL  
END. THEY WILL SUPERVISE OPERATIONS AT THE NEW FACILITY  
UNTIL JUNE 1. AFTER THAT, ONLY A SINGLE OXY  
EMPLOYEE IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN ON-SITE. HE WILL STAY  
AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS TO KEEP A WATCH ON OVERALL  
OPERATIONS.

2. MEANWHILE, THE OXY SPECIALISTS ARE PUTTING FINISHING  
TOUCHES ON PROJECT. MAJOR COMPRESSION (SUCTION) FACILITY  
FOR UNLOADING AMMONIA FROM TANK CARS WILL BE INAUGURATED  
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WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WITHOUT FANFARE. THE FACILITY  
IS CAPABLE OF UNLOADING 300 CARS A DAY. BUCHANAN

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